

U.S. Department of Energy Office of River Protection Contract Management Division Mr. Michael K. Barrett Contracting Officer P.O. Box 450, MSIN H6-60 Richland, Washington 99352 CCN: 034627

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Dear Mr. Barrett:

CONTRACT NO. DE-AC27-01RV14136 – CERTIFICATION OF START OF CONSTRUCTION

References:

CCN 036480; letter; R. J. Schepens, ORP to R. F. Naventi, BNI; "U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Notice to Proceed with Partial Construction

Activities"; 02-OSR-0289; dated July 9, 2002.

The reference letter authorized Bechtel National, Inc. to commence partial construction activities including Low-Activity Waste (LAW) and High Level Waste (HLW) basemat concrete. Section C Standard 4, (g) of the subject Contract states that "The Contractor shall certify to DOE that construction has been initiated. Start of Construction (Milestone M1) is defined as the first pour of structural concrete for one of the three WTP elements, Pretreatment, LAW Vitrification, or HLW vitrification".

This letter serves as notification and certification that construction has been initiated on July 10, 2002 with structural concrete placements in the LAW and HLW.

Please contact me at 371-3653 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A. R. Veirup

Prime Contract Manager

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